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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

INSTALLATION: Rail Line Under Construction

LOCATION: NE of Novosibirsk, USSR

B.E. NUMBER: None

WAC NUMBER: 162

BRIEF NO.: B-9-58

DATE: 31 January 1958

LAT.: 55° 18'N to 55° 32'N

LONG.: 83° 31'E to 83° 31'E

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REFERENCES:

ATMP: USAF Pilotage Chart 162B, 1:500,000.

Other : CIA FDD Summary No. 1268, 20 March 1957.

REQUIREMENTS RR/HTA/E/R4/58 and RR/HTA/G/R14/57: Locate and describe new railroad construction in the vicinity of Novosibirsk and search for possible guided missile site activity.

REMARKS:

A rail line is under construction from the town of Moshkovo (55°18'N-83°37'E), 55 kilometers northeast of Novosibirsk on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, to a point near the village of Tashara (55°32'N-83°31'E), 68 kilometers northeast of Novosibirsk and one kilometer east of the Ob' River.

The rail line begins immediately east of the town of Moshkovo and extends for approximately 25 kilometers to just south of the village of Tashara where it makes a U-shaped turn and ends. The end leg of the "U" is 3,140 feet long. There is no indication of additional extension of the rail line. No track had been laid and no bridges had been constructed at the time of the photography.

At the south end of Tashara, near the rail line, is a housing area which differs from the typical agricultural village. The houses, which are larger and spaced farther apart, are nicely laid out in a wooded area. Across the road from this housing area is another wooded area in which are located four institutional-type buildings, three 130 by 50 feet, and one 100 by 50 feet. Along the main road are two administrative buildings, each 115 by 50 feet, in addition to other smaller storage-type buildings.

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There is also activity evident along the east bank of the Ob' River, one kilometer west of the end of the rail line under construction. An area 1300 by 800 feet along the river bank has been cleared of all trees and brush. Within the cleared area is one storage building 150 by 35 feet. A barge is tied up along the bank in the area cleared. At three points in this area, the river bank has been leveled off to facilitate access to the river.

The Soviet Press reported on 8 September 1956 that the largest timber transloading combine in Siberia was under construction at Tashara, on the bank of the Ob' River. However, the only activity in this vicinity is described above and does not appear to be related to timber transloading or lumbering activity.

A rail siding similar in shape to the U-shaped terminus of this line, but with other features present, is described in HTA/B-10/58.